



CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A copolymer comprising an isoolefin and a multiolefin, the copolymer being substantially free of long chain branching.
- 2. The copolymer of claim 1, wherein the multiolefin is a conjugated diene, preferably isoprene.
- 3. The copolymer of claim 1, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 0.5 mol%.
- 4. The copolymer of claim 1, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 1.0 mol%.
- 5. The copolymer of claim 1, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 2.5 mol%.
- 6. The copolymer of claim 1, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 5.0 mol%.
- 7. A copolymer comprising isobutylene and isoprene, the copolymer being substantially free of long chain branching.
- 8. The copolymer of claim 7, wherein the isoprene content is from greater than 0.5 mol%.
- 9. The copolymer of claim 7, wherein the isoprene content is from greater than 1.0 mol%.



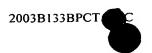
- 10. The copolymer of claim 7, wherein the isoprene content is from greater than 2.5 mol%.
- 11. The copolymer of claim 7, wherein the isoprene content is from greater than 5.0 mol%.
- 12. A copolymer produced by the process comprising contacting an isoolefin, preferably isobutylene, a multiolefin, preferably isoprene, one or more Lewis acid(s), one or more initiator(s), and a diluent comprising one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) (HFC's); wherein the copolymer is substantially free of long chain branching.
- 13. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the multiolefin is a conjugated diene.
- 14. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 0.5 mol%.
- 15. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 1.0 mol%.
- 16. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 2.5 mol%.
- 17. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the multiolefin content is from greater than 5.0 mol%.
- 18. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) is represented by the formula: C_xH_yF_z wherein x is an integer from 1 to 40 and y and z are integers of one or more.
- 19. The copolymer of claim 18, wherein x is from 1 to 10.





- 20. The copolymer of claim 18, wherein x is from 1 to 6.
- 21. The copolymer of claim 18, wherein x is from 1 to 3.
- 22. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of fluoromethane; difluoromethane; trifluoromethane; fluoroethane; 1,1-difluoroethane; 1,2difluoroethane; 1,1,1-trifluoroethane; 1,1,2-trifluoroethane; 1,1,1,2tetrafluoroethane; 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane; 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoroethane; 1,1-difluoropropane; 1-fluoropropane; 2-fluoropropane; 1,2-1,3-difluoropropane; difluoropropane; 2,2-difluoropropane; 1,1,1-1,1,2-trifluoropropane; 1,1,3-trifluoropropane; 1,2,2trifluoropropane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoropropane; trifluoropropane; 1,2,3-trifluoropropane; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,2,3tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,2,2,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,1,3,3pentafluoropropane; 1,1,2,2,3-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,2,3,3-1,1,1,2,2,3-hexafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3,3pentafluoropropane; 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,3hexafluoropropane; heptafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane; 1-fluorobutane; 2fluorobutane; 1,1-difluorobutane; 1,2-difluorobutane; 1,3-difluorobutane; 1,1,1-1,4-difluorobutane; 2,2-difluorobutane; 2,3-difluorobutane; trifluorobutane; 1,1,2-trifluorobutane; 1,1,3-trifluorobutane; 1,1,4-1,2,3-trifluorobutane; trifluorobutane; 1,2,2-trifluorobutane; 1,3,3trifluorobutane; 2,2,3-trifluorobutane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3-1,1,2,2-tetrafluorobutane; tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,1,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,3,3-1,1,2,4-tetrafluorobutane; tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,3,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,4,4-tetrafluorobutane: 1,2,2,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,2,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,3,3tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,3,4-tetrafluorobutane; 2,2,3,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,4pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,4-

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1,3-difluoro-2-butene; 1,4-difluoro-2-butene; 2,3-difluro-2-butene; 1,1,1trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,3-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,4-1,2,4-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,2,3-trifluoro-2-butene; trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,4-1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-2-butene; tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,4-tetrafluoro-2-1,1,2,3-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,2,3,4-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,3,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,4,4-1,1,2,3,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,4,4pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,3,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,4,4pentafluoro-2-butene; hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,3,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,4,4,4-1,1,1,2,3,4,4-1,1,2,3,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; hexafluoro-2-butene; heptafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,4,4,4-heptafluoro-2-butene; and mixtures thereof.

- 23. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of fluoromethane, difluoromethane, trifluoromethane, 1,1-difluoroethane, 1,1,1-trifluoroethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, and mixtures thereof.
- 24. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the diluent comprises from 15 to 100 volume % HFC based upon the total volume of the diluent.
- 25. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the diluent comprises from 20 to 100 volume % HFC based upon the total volume of the diluent.
- 26. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the diluent comprises from 25 to 100 volume % HFC based upon the total volume of the diluent.
- 27. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the diluent further comprises a hydrocarbon, a non-reactive olefin, and/or an inert gas.



- 28. The copolymer of claim 27, wherein the hydrocarbon is a halogenated hydrocarbon other than an HFC.
- 29. The copolymer of claim 28, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methyl chloride.
- 30. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MX₄; wherein M is a Group 4, 5, or 14 metal; and each X is a halogen.
- The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MR_nX_{4-n}; wherein M is Group 4, 5, or 14 metal; each R is a monovalent C₁ to C₁₂ hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals; n is an integer from 0 to 4; and each X is a halogen.
- The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula M(RO)_nR'_mX_{4-(m+n)}; wherein M is Group 4, 5, or 14 metal; each RO is a monovalent C₁ to C₃₀ hydrocarboxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, alkylaryloxy radicals; each R' is a monovalent C₁ to C₁₂ hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl

n is an integer from 0 to 4;

and cycloalkyl radicals;

m is an integer from 0 to 4, wherein the sum of n and m is not more than 4; and



each X is a halogen.

33. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula $M(RC=OO)_nR'_mX_{4-(m+n)}$;

wherein M is Group 4, 5, or 14 metal;

each RC=OO is a monovalent C₂ to C₃₀ hydrocarbacyl radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylacyloxy, alkylarylacyloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

n is an integer from 0 to 4;

m is an integer from 0 to 4, wherein the sum of n and m is not more than 4; and

each X is a halogen.

- 34. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MOX₃; wherein M is a Group 5 metal; and each X is a halogen.
- 35. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MX₃; wherein M is a Group 13 metal; and each X is a halogen.
- The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MR_nX_{3-n}; wherein M is a Group 13 metal; each R is a monovalent C₁ to C₁₂ hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;



n is an integer from 1 to 3; and each X is a halogen.

37. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula $M(RO)_nR'_mX_{3-(m+n)}$;

wherein M is a Group 13 metal;

each RO is a monovalent C_1 to C_{30} hydrocarboxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkoxy, aryloxy, arylakoxy, alkylaryloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

n is an integer from 0 to 3;

m is an integer from 0 to 3, wherein the sum of n and m is from 1 to 3; and each X is a halogen.

38. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula $M(RC=OO)_nR'_mX_{3-(m+n)}$;

wherein M is a Group 13 metal;

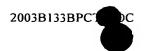
each RC=OO is a monovalent hydrocarbacyl radical independently selected from the group independently selected from the C₂ to C₃₀ group consisting of an alkacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylacyloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

n is an integer from 0 to 3;

m is a integer from 0 to 3, wherein the sum of n and m is from 1 to 3; and each X is a halogen.

39. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MX_y;



wherein M is a Group 15 metal; each X is a halogen; and y is 3, 4 or 5.

40. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MR_nX_{y-n};

wherein M is a Group 15 metal;

each R is a monovalent C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

n is an integer from 0 to 4;

y is 3, 4 or 5, wherein n is less than y; and each X is a halogen.

41. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula $M(RO)_nR'_mX_{y-(m+n)}$;

wherein M is a Group 15 metal,

each RO is a monovalent C_1 to C_{30} hydrocarboxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, alkylaryloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

n is an integer from 0 to 4;

m is an integer from 0 to 4;

y is 3, 4 or 5, wherein the sum of n and m is less than y; and each X is a halogen.

42. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula M(RC=OO)_nR'_mX_{y-(m+n)}; wherein M is a Group 15 metal;



each RC=OO is a monovalent C₂ to C₃₀ hydrocarbacyloxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylacyloxy, alkylarylacyloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C_1 to C_{12} hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

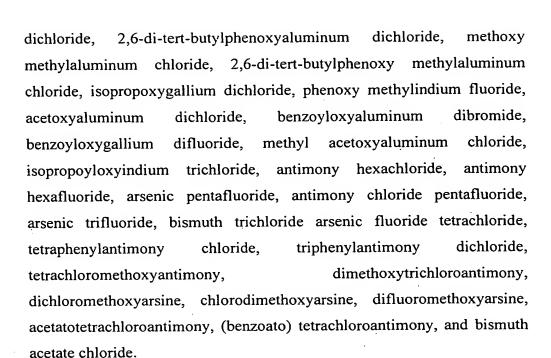
n is an integer from 0 to 4;

m is an integer from 0 to 4;

y is 3, 4 or 5, wherein the sum of n and m is less than y; and each X is a halogen.

43. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of titanium tetrachloride, titanium tetrabromide, vanadium tetrachloride, tin tetrachloride, zirconium tetrachloride, titanium bromide trichloride, titanium dibromide dichloride, vanadium bromide trichloride, tin chloride trifluoride, benzyltitanium trichloride, dibenzyltitanium dichloride, benzylzirconium trichloride, methyltitanium trichloride, dibenzylzirconium dibromide, dimethyltitanium difluoride, dimethyltin dichloride, phenylvanadium trichloride, methoxytitanium trichloride, n-butoxytitanium trichloride, dichloride, phenoxytitanium tribromide, di(isopropoxy)titanium phenylmethoxyzirconium trifluoride, methyl methoxytitanium dichloride, methyl methoxytin dichloride, benzyl isopropoxyvanadium dichloride, benzoylzirconium tribromide, acetoxytitanium trichloride, benzoyloxytitanium trifluoride, isopropoyloxytin trichloride, methyl acetoxytitanium dichloride, benzyl benzoyloxyvanadium vanadium oxytrichloride, aluminum trichloride, boron trifluoride, gallium trichloride, indium trifluoride, ethylaluminum dichloride, methylaluminum dichloride, benzylaluminum dichloride, isobutylgallium dichloride, diethylaluminum chloride, dimethylaluminum chloride, ethylaluminum sesquichloride, methylaluminum sesquichloride, trimethylaluminum, ethoxyaluminum dichloride, triethylaluminum, methoxyaluminum

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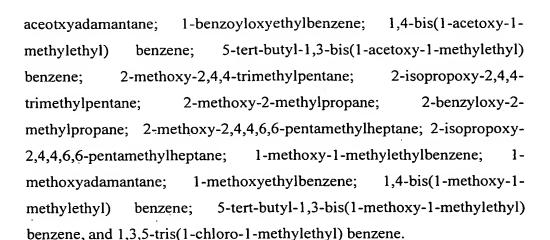


- 44. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of aluminum trichloride, aluminum tribromide, ethylaluminum dichloride, ethylaluminum sesquichloride, diethylaluminum chloride, methylaluminum dichloride, methylaluminum sesquichloride, dimethylaluminum chloride, boron trifluoride, and titanium tetrachloride.
- 45. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the Lewis acid is not a compound represented by formula MX₃, where M is a group 13 metal, X is a halogen.
- 46. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more initiator(s) comprise a hydrogen halide, a carboxylic acid, a carboxylic acid halide, a sulfonic acid, an alcohol, a phenol, a polymeric halide, a tertiary alkyl halide, a tertiary aralkyl halide, a tertiary aralkyl ester, a tertiary aralkyl ether, a tertiary aralkyl ether, an alkyl halide, an aryl halide, an alkylaryl halide or an arylalkylacid halide.



- 47. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more initiator(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of HCl, H₂O, methanol, (CH₃)₃CCl, C₆H₅C(CH₃)₂Cl, (2-Chloro-2,4,4-trimethylpentane) and 2-chloro-2-methylpropane.
- The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more initiator(s) is 48. independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen chloride, hydrogen bromide, hydrogen iodide, acetic acid, propanoic acid, butanoic acid; cinnamic acid, benzoic acid, 1-chloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, p-chlorobenzoic acid, pfluorobenzoic acid, acetyl chloride, acetyl bromide, cinnamyl chloride, trichloroacetylchloride, benzoyl bromide, benzoyl chloride, trifluoroacetylchloride, p-fluorobenzoylchloride, methanesulfonic acid, acid, trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, trichloromethanesulfonic toluenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonyl chloride, methanesulfonyl bromide, trichloromethanesulfonyl chloride, trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride, ptoluenesulfonyl chloride, methanol, ethanol, propanol, 2-propanol, 2methylpropan-2-ol, cyclohexanol, benzyl alcohol, phenol, 2-methylphenol, p-fluorophenol, 2,3,4,5,6p-chlorophenol, 2,6-dimethylphenol, pentafluorophenol, and 2-hydroxynaphthalene.
- The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more initiator(s) is 49. independently selected from the group consisting of 2-chloro-2,4,4-2-bromo-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-chloro-2trimethylpentane; 2-chloro-2,4,4,6,6-2-bromo-2-methylpropane; methylpropane; pentamethylheptane; 2-bromo-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 1-chloro-1methylethylbenzene; 1-chloroadamantane; 1-chloroethylbenzene; 1, 4-5-tert-butyl-1,3-bis(1-chloro-1benzene; bis(1-chloro-1-methylethyl) methylethyl) benzene; 2-acetoxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-benzoyloxy-2-benzoyloxy-2-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-acetoxy-2-methylpropane; 2-acetoxy-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 2-benzoylmethylpropane; 1-acetoxy-1-methylethylbenzene; 1-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane;

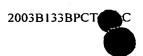
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- 50. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more initiator(s) further comprise a weakly-coordinating anion.
- 51. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the one or more initiator(s) comprise greater than 30 ppm water (based upon weight).
- 52. The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the contacting further comprises contacting one or more monomer(s) independently selected from the group consisting of olefins, alpha-olefins, disubstituted olefins, isoolefins, conjugated dienes, non-conjugated dienes, styrenics, substituted styrenics, and vinyl ethers.
- The copolymer of claim 12, wherein the contacting further comprises contacting one or more monomer(s) independently selected from the group consisting of styrene, para-alkylstyrene, para-methylstyrene, alpha-methyl styrene, divinylbenzene, diisopropenylbenzene, isobutylene, 2-methyl-1-butene, 3-methyl-1-butene, 2-methyl-2-pentene, isoprene, butadiene, 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, β-pinene, myrcene, 6,6-dimethyl-fulvene, hexadiene, cyclopentadiene, methyl cyclopentadiene, piperylene, methyl vinyl ether, ethyl vinyl ether, and isobutyl vinyl ether.

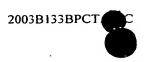


- 54. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer is halogenated to form a halogenated copolymer.
- 55. The copolymer of claim 54, wherein the halogenated copolymer is halogenated with chlorine or bromine.
- 56. The copolymer of claim 54, wherein the halogen content is greater than 0.5 wt% based upon the weight of the halogenated copolymer.
- 57. The copolymer of claim 54, wherein the halogen content is from 0.5 wt% to 3.0 wt% based upon the weight of the halogenated copolymer.
- 58. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a Mw of from greater than 50,000.
- 59. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a Mw of from greater than 100,000.
- 60. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a Mw of from greater than 500,000.
- The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a Mw of from greater than 1,000,000.
- 62. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a MWD of from greater than 2.
- 63. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a MWD of from 2 to 6.





- 64. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a Mooney viscosity of at least 20 ± 5 (ML 1 + 8 at 125°C, ASTM D 1646).
- 65. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a Mooney viscosity of from 20 ± 5 to 60 ± 5 (ML 1 + 8 at 125° C, ASTM D 1646).
- 66. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a g'_{vis.avg} from greater than or equal to 0.978 as determined by triple detection SEC.
- 67. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a g'vis.avg from greater than or equal to 0.980 as determined by triple detection SEC.
- 68. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a g'_{vis.avg} from greater than or equal to 0.990 as determined by triple detection SEC.
- 69. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has a g'vis.avg from greater than or equal to 0.995 as determined by triple detection SEC.
- 70. The copolymer of any of the preceding claims, wherein the copolymer has no long chain branching.
- 71. A blend comprising the copolymer of any of the preceding claims and a secondary rubber independently from the group consisting of at least one of natural rubber, polyisoprene rubber, poly(styrene-co-butadiene) rubber (SBR), polybutadiene rubber (BR), poly(isoprene-co-butadiene) rubber (IBR), styrene-isoprene-butadiene rubber (SIBR), ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM), polysulfide,



isobutylene/methyl copolymer rubber, isobutylene/cyclopentadiene cyclopentadiene copolymer rubber, nitrile rubber, propylene oxide polymers, star-branched butyl rubber and halogenated star-branched butyl rubber, brominated butyl rubber, chlorinated butyl rubber, star-branched butyl star-branched brominated rubber, polyisobutylene (polyisobutylene/isoprene copolymer) rubber; poly(isobutylene-co-pmethylstyrene) and halogenated poly(isobutylene-co-p-methylstyrene), poly(isobutylene-co-isoprene-co-p-methylstyrene), halogenated poly(isobutylene-co-isoprene-co-styrene), halogenated poly(isobutylenepoly(isobutylene-co-isoprene-co-αco-isoprene-co-styrene), poly(isobutylene-co-isoprene-co-αhalogenated methylstyrene) methylstyrene), and mixtures thereof.